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1-[[2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl]-
methyl]-1H-1,2,3-triazole;
and mixtures thereof;
and wherein the matrix microparticles comprise a hydrophobic constituent which is meltable at a temperature above 100° C., wherein the hydrophobic constituent is selected from the group consisting of:
microcrystalline waxes;
straight chain saturated hydrocarbons of molecular weight ranging between 500 and 3000;
polyethylene waxes of molecular weight ranging between 500 and 3000;
straight chain fatty acid amides;
bistearamide ethylene;
and mixtures thereof.

8. A cellular cellulosic material as claimed in claim 7 wherein the straight chain fatty acid amide is stearamide.

9. A cellular cellulosic material as claimed in claim 1, wherein said microparticles comprise between 5 and 70% by weight of biocide agent or a mixture of biocide agents.

10. A cellular cellulosic material as claimed in claim 9, wherein said microparticles comprise between 15 and 50% by weight of biocide agent or a mixture of biocide agents.

11. A process for the preparation of a cellular cellulosic material as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of:
preparing a pulp from a mixture of a cellulosic solution, fibrous materials, pigments and porophorous agents;

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shaping said pulp;
adding matrix microparticles comprising a biocide agent or a mixture of biocide agents to the pulp such that the microparticles are distributed throughout the pulp;
heating the pulp, optionally in a suitable medium, to activate said porophorous agents; and
regenerating the cellulose.

12. A process as claimed in claim 11 wherein the cellulosic solution is viscose.

13. A process as claimed in claim 11 wherein the pulp is shaped by molding, by coating on one or both sides of a grid, or by depositing the pulp on a conveyor belt.

14. A process as claimed in claim 13 wherein the pulp is shaped by coating on one or both sides of a grid and wherein the microparticles are deposited on one or both sides of said grid before or during the coating step.

15. A cellular cellulosic material as claimed in claim 1 which is sponge, sponge-cloth, foamed sponge, a cleaning cloth or a cleaning tool.

16. A cellular cellulosic material as claimed in claim 1 wherein the biocide agent or mixture of biocide agents has low solubility in water, is active at low concentrations, and is solid at room temperature.

17. A process as claimed in claim 11 wherein the cellulose is regenerated by acid regeneration.

18. A process as claimed in claim 11 wherein the cellulose is regenerated by basic regeneration.

19. A process as claimed in claim 11 wherein the cellulose is regenerated by passing an a.c. current between electrodes in contact with the pulp.

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